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SUBJ: CTH PRESENTS ECONOMIC PROGRAM TO GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: CONFEDERATION OF HONDURAN WORKERS (CTH) ON MAR 19 SUBMITTED PAPER TO GENERAL LOPEZ COMMENTING ON GOH PERFORMANCE TO DATE AND LISTING BASIC LABOR/ PEASANT DEMANDS FOR FUTURE. ALTHOUGH SOME ENTREPRENEURIAL ELEMENTS ARE ACCUSING CTH OF RADICALISM, DOCUMENT IS RELATIVELY MODERATE. IN FACT, PROGRAMMATIC DEMANDS ARE ALMOST SAME TEXT AS CTH PRESENTED TO GENERAL LOPEZ AND " UNITY PACT" SPONSORS IN JUNE 1972. IT DOES, HOWEVER, BY IMPLICATION CALL FOR ENDING CONCESSIONS OF NEW YORK ROSARIO MINE AND OF TROPICAL RADIO. END SUMMARY.

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1. AFTER MAR 18 MEETING, CTH LEADERS ON MAR 18
CALLED ON GENERAL LOPEZ AND PRESENTED HIM WITH DOCUMENT
WHICH ASSESSES PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT TO DATE AND
LISTS BASIC PEASANT/ WORKER PROGRAM FOR FUTURE. EMBASSY
HAS COPY OF DOCUMENT WHICH SO FAR IS BEING HELD CON-
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AFTER CERTAIN PERIOD, WHICH HE AGREED TO DO. WITH US APRIL 26.
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7. RE BANKING, PAPER WANTS " MAJORITY" HONDURAN
CONTROL (CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 80 PERCENT CONTROL
PROPOSED BY SOME LIBERAL DEPUTIES IN LAST CONGRESS).

8. SEVERAL PAPERS AND ENTREPRENEURS HAVE REFERRED TO DEMANDS AS " RADICAL." THIS MAY BE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT READ DOCUMENT AND ARE REACTING TO GARBLED LEAKS. HOWEVER, INCREASED TAXES, EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONALLY OWNED (MUCH LESS UNDERUTILIZED PRIVATE) LANDS AND MINIMUM WAGES ARE ALL ANATHEMA TO MOST LANDOWNERS, BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS HERE.

9. EMBASSY REGARDS CTH MOVE AS PRO FORMA ATTEMPT TO REGISTER ITS BASIC PHILOSOPHY WITH NEW GOVERNMENT, TO TRY TO MAINTAIN LATTER' S SYMPATHETIC ORIENTATION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LABOR AND PEASANT DEMANDS AND MOMENTUM OF EARLY GOH INITIATIVES. CTH DEMARCHE WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE EFFECT OF PULLING TOGETHER BADLY DIVIDED PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH IS SQUABBLING SO BADLY IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PRESENT ANY UNIFIED SUGGESTIONS OR ADVICE TO GENERAL LOPEZ. INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF THIS SPLIT WILL ONLY INCREASE INFLUENCE OF LABOR SECTOR.

10. AT MILITARY CEREMONY MAR 22, GENERAL LOPEZ TOLD COMUSMILGP HE FOUND CTH LEADERS REASONABLE AND THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH THEM. IN NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH LEADERS, LOPEZ CAUTIONED THEM THAT WIDESPREAD IMPROVEMENTS COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT WITH A LIMITED BUDGET.
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